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Application No.: 09/870,483) Examiner: Taylor V. OH
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α-HYDROXYCARBOXYLIC ACID)

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

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